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- 25X1 1. The present difficulties at the zonal borders, especially at
Helmstedt, are probably only diversionary maneuvers.
- 25X1 [] plans are being discussed whereby the East Zone will
be closed off politically and economically for the next two to
25X1 three months in order to bring all the parties and fragments
of parties completely in line with the National Front policy of
the SED. Consideration is being given to moves which would
eliminate the necessity for holding any elections in October.
2. West Berlin presents a special problem. So long as the present
status continues it will be impossible to adjust the Soviet Zone
to the official SED policy, because of the unabating political
and economic effect on the Zone of that "field of energy", West
Berlin. At the party school during the last few days the ques-
tion has often been discussed, how to make the position of the
West Magistrat impossible, for example by provocations designed
to bring forth petitions to the western Allies calling for the
dissolution of the Magistrat on the ground that its continuance
would endanger public safety and order in the city. The climax
of these actions will, in his opinion, be the so called
"Whitsuntide March" of the FDJ from the whole East Zone. It
is planned to use this mass of youth to bring about a spontaneous
demonstration not only of East Berlin but also of the Soviet
Zone in which Berlin will be formally proclaimed as the capital
of the DDR, thus doing away with the old four-power status
completely. Of particular interest here is the thought that
this demonstration will not be directed against the continued
presence of western Allies in Berlin, but against the West
Magistrat. After the dissolution of the latter, the western
Allies would administer their sectors directly in the form of
an international settlement expressly conceded by the Soviet

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occupation power, with no political or economic functions in the hands of German authorities. The foregoing trend of thought is reported to be supported by Pieck's immediate advisors Dr. Zuckermann and Wandel and to have been discussed by Ulbricht in Moscow.

3. SED leaders are also concerning themselves with the western unemployment problem; they are seeking methods of bringing this part of the working element into a connection with the Communist Party. Talks are taking place with a view to determining whether it is financially possible to give these unemployed weekly or monthly sums out of present and incoming Westmark resources if they agree to join the SPD, or in western Germany the KPD. In such an event they would be assured that the fact of their membership would be kept secret for the time being. This idea is reported to have originated with "circles close to Merker and Steidle".

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